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**Town Administrator Report**  
**As Presented to the Select Board on July 12, 2022**

1. Follow up – Fireworks and July 4th Parade: I wanted to take a minute to thank all of our staff and volunteers that worked tirelessly to put on both the Fireworks and the Parade. Without the hard work of the Fireworks committee, the Marion PD, Marion Fire, Marion Harbormaster, the Recreation Dept, we would not have been as successful as we were. These groups work endless hours to put on these great town events. I would also like to thank Donna Hemphill for her work with the Parade. That event would not happen without her and we owe her a debt of gratitude. Thank you to all involved from myself and the Board.
2. Appeal of MacDonald Dog Decision: I want to let the board know that an appeal of its order to euthanize the dangerous dog known as “Stella” has been filed in Wareham district court and is set for next Tuesday morning. I will be attending with town counsel along with the Marion Animal Control Officer and Ms Quatrona the witness from Connecticut. I will report back to the board the findings from the hearing. In the meantime, Stella remains in a Dartmouth kennel.
3. Music Hall HVAC: I am happy to say that the Sippican Historical Society has contracted to replace the HVAC system at the Music Hall. They are using the Music Hall trust funding to replace the system and will be gifting the new system to the town upon installation. Hopefully we will have the new system in place by the fall. I would like to thank the Society for its help with this critical project.

4. Fall Paving Projects: In preparation for the DPW coming the board with recommendation for fall paving work, I am asking the board for input on roads they would like to see paved. I have provided the pavement management report today via email and would like to have dialogue with the Board about its thoughts. My recommendations would be to look at the cost of finishing the paving on County Rd, paving on Front Street from Rt 6 to the village and looking at the Spring Street from the fire station to Main Street along with Main from Spring to Rt 6. I would also like to look at Delano and Pt but with the impending water main project I am not sure repaving makes sense. The DPW will price out and present options to us, but prior to that we wanted some feedback from the board.

5. HR Director Posting: With the impending retirement of one of our key employees that manages HR, benefits and payroll, I wanted to let the board know that I will be changing the current job and posting for an HR Director. This new person will be managing HR and benefits for the town, while payroll will transition to the treasurer collectors office. This critical new hire will not raise head count in the town as it will be filling a retirement and will truly help with collective bargaining and employee issues, along with managing employee benefits for us. I intend to post the job this week and fill as soon as possible to allow for overlap and training with the upcoming retirement. Any question or concerns the board has?

6. CMWP workshop via zoom 7/20 at 4pm

7. Our next meeting will be on August 16 at 6pm at the Marion Police Station